

Commodity Shelf Newsletter

September 2009

New Items Available

DESE – SFS is excited to announce new items available to LEAs for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Agreements have been made with East Side Entrées (ESE) and Bosco's Pizza Co. in addition to the many other processors already doing business with Missouri LEAs.

The new items available through ESE are available through two different Monthly Order Forms. The first Monthly Order Form is utilizing an excess balance of [cheese](#) left over at ESE from previous school years. The second Monthly Order Form offers processed end products that utilize **BONUS** [Ultra High Temperature \(UHT\) Milk](#). Both items must be ordered via the Monthly Order Form available on the DESE – SFS Commodities Web Site and are first come first serve. When the balance of cheese and UHT Milk are depleted, these items will no longer be available, so LEAs should order early and often to take advantage. Additional information about each item can be found in the informational letters posted on the [DESE – SFS Commodities Web Site](#).

The agreement between DESE – SFS and Bosco's is to offer the LEAs of Missouri a **rebate** on approved items. The [Bosco's Rebate Form](#) can be found on the DESE – SFS Web Site as well as an additional [informational letter](#). Please note that rebates will only apply to products purchased on or after August 25, 2009.

All three informational letters were sent to the Food Service Directors with a valid E-Mail address on their LEAs 09-10 Application Agreement. If you did not receive the informational letter and would like to receive information in the future, please E-Mail matthew.essner@dese.mo.gov with the valid E-Mail address you would like to add to the list.

Additional Commercial Products

Are you receiving monthly correspondence (order forms) from Fair Market Inc. and United Commodity Group? Are you confused about why you get the correspondence and what your obligation is for each? Are the items offered by each company part of the USDA Donated Foods (DF) Program?.....Let's see if we can clear up some confusion.



Fair Market Inc. and United Commodity Group represent multiple lines of processed end products, some of which are available to LEAs for processing through DESE – SFS. Each company **also** operates a commercial business which offers commercial products delivered **with** your LEAs monthly delivery of USDA DF from Food Distribution Associates (FDA). These additional commercial products will arrive at the same time and on the same truck as your USDA DF; **HOWEVER**, they **ARE NOT** part of the USDA DF Program and **ARE NOT** associated with DESE – SFS.

Purchasing product offered by Fair Market Inc. and United Commodity Group is acceptable, but not required. LEAs should purchase the items in the same manner they would purchase items from other commercial distributors. The products offered **DO NOT** contain USDA DF and **WILL NOT** be charged against your LEAs entitlement. Purchasing additional commercial products from either company is in **addition** to any processed items you are already receiving through the Processing Packet which was completed and returned to DESE – SFS in February 2009 for the 09-10 school year.



Recipe Contest

We have a winner in the first Recipe of the Month Contest! The cooks from Bernie R-XIII in Southeast Missouri submitted the winning recipe for their Pasta Bake. Rhonda Johnson and Debbie Freed came up with the recipe by doing some homework and researching pasta ideas in some of their personal recipe books and then adjusting ingredients, measurements and preparation steps to come up with their famous Pasta Bake utilizing Rotini, [B435](#). Students have even been heard saying that “mom tries to make it at home, but it is never as good as the schools.” **CONGRATULATIONS** to the cooks of Bernie R-XIII for their winning Pasta Bake recipe.



The [Pasta Bake](#) recipe can be found on the DESE – SFS Commodities Web Site under [Recipe of the Month](#).



The Commodity of the Month for September will be Whole Wheat Flour ([B351](#)). Any recipe including Whole Wheat Flour will be accepted.

To give LEAs some time to prep their best recipes, a look into the commodity crystal ball shows the upcoming Commodity of the Month will be:

- October – Pinto Beans, Dry, Whole ([A942](#))
- November – Brown Rice ([B545](#))



A [form](#) is available on the DESE – SFS Commodities Web Site to fill out and to submit with your recipe. Submit recipes to DESE – SFS by either E-Mail at webreplyascforcom@dese.mo.gov or by Fax, 573-526-3897, by the 25th of each month.

Take a look at your best recipes and submit them soon. You just might see yourself in an upcoming Commodity Shelf Newsletter. Have fun and good luck!!

Department of Defense (DoD)

Not all LEAs participate in the DoD Program. The DoD Program is a program that allows LEAs to use entitlement dollars to purchase fresh produce through a predetermined state-wide vendor selected by the Department of Defense.

LEAs participating in the DoD Program for SY 09-10 should have received the necessary information. If you believe your LEA is participating in the DoD Program and has not received the necessary information, please contact Matthew Essner.

Best if Used by Date

USDA Donated Foods (DF) received from DESE – SFS may not always have the longest shelf life when received, but we want to assure LEAs that all DFs received are safe and wholesome for the students to consume.

USDA has posted some [guidance](#) on the [Food and Nutrition Service](#) (FNS) Web Site. The guidance helps to explain inventory control and some of the dating systems LEAs may see on products. The guidance specifically says a **best if used by date** “means that the manufacturer recommends using the product by this date for the best flavor or quality. At some point after that date, the product will change very gradually in taste, color, texture, or nutrient content. But, **the product may be wholesome and safe long after that date**. These dating systems do not represent expiration dates, and they do not indicate when product safety becomes an issue.”

With the guidance in mind, DESE – SFS would also like to make LEAs aware that all of the USDA DFs for Missouri are stored in a climate controlled warehouse, where the dry storage temperature is maintained around 58°F, which will also help to prolong the life of the DF. If you are ever uncertain if the product you have is safe, the guidance also offers steps to follow to check the quality of the product.

Please let DESE – SFS know if you have any concerns about a particular DF and we will investigate where the problems may lie. DESE – SFS will continue to strive to ship high quality, nutritious USDA DF for the students of MO. Measures are also being taken by DESE – SFS to order USDA DF more responsibly to prevent excess DF in the warehouse and short shelf lives on products.

Fruits and Vegetable Grants



Could you use an extra \$10,000 to help start a program that promotes eating fresh produce in your Elementary School? Hidden Valley Ranch has partnered with the School Nutrition Foundation to offer grants for elementary schools that demonstrate need, innovation, greatest likelihood of sustainable impact on the students, and potential for community involvement. If you think your LEA meets the qualifications go to www.loveyourveggies.com to find more information and access the grant application.

Product Updates

DESE – SFS would like to update LEAs of some product shortages on recent Open Orders. Parboiled Rice, B507, was listed on the July and August Open



Order Forms. The orders received in July exceeded our inventory levels **and** the anticipated truckload that was requested from USDA to be in the warehouse in August was pushed back until October; therefore, LEAs receiving deliveries late in August were shorted Parboiled Rice and no one will be receiving Parboiled Rice in September. **If you ordered Parboiled Rice and DID NOT receive it, you WILL NOT be receiving it in the future; it must be REORDERED when available.**

Parboiled Rice is anticipated to be available on the October Open Order Form for November delivery.

Additional Open Order Items have inventories that have been exhausted and will not be available for the rest of SY 09-10. These items are: Sunflower Butter ([B477](#)), Cherries ([A293](#)), and Apricots ([A382](#)).

Below is a schedule of items to look forward to on upcoming Open Orders. The estimated delivery periods and the quantities of each item are also listed.

- [A099](#) Carrots, frozen. Dec 2009 (1,320 cases)
- [A261](#) Fruit and Nut Mix. Jan 2010 (2,912 cases)
- [A366](#) Wild Blueberries. Jan 2010 (2,640 cases)
- [A424](#) Peaches, Frozen, Sliced. Jan 2010 (3,800 cases)
- [A504](#) Raisins, Single Serve. Jan and Feb 2010 (2,964 cases each period)
- [A517](#) Diced Chicken. Feb 2010 (3,000 cases) and Mar 2010 (2,000 cases)
- [A563](#) Chicken Fajita. Feb 2010 and Mar 2010 (2,000 cases each period)
- [A568](#) Eggs, Frozen, Whole. Feb 2010 (4,002 cases) and Mar 2010 (2,668 cases)
- [A726](#) Ham, Frozen, Sliced. Feb 2010 (3,000 cases) and Mar 2010 (2,000 cases)
- [A742](#) Tuna, canned. Mar 2010 (2,880 cases)
- [A752](#) Catfish Strips. Feb 2010 (2,000 cases)
- [A925](#) Beans, Great Northern, dry. Jan 2010 (1,600 cases)
- [B027](#) Cheddar Reduced Fat, Shredded. Jan 2010 (3,840 cases)
- [B035](#) Mozzarella Lite, Shredded. Nov 2009 (1,344 cases) and Jan 2010 (2,688 cases)

- [B042](#) Mozzarella Frozen Loaves. Dec 2009, Jan 2010, and Feb 2010 (1,680 cases each period)
- [B444](#) Oats. Feb 2010 (1,600 cases)
- [B507](#) Parboiled Rice. Nov 2009 (3,360 cases) and Jan 2010 (1,680 cases)

Each item's Commodity Fact Sheet is hyperlinked by clicking on the Commodity Code or can be found on the



[DESE – SFS Commodities Web Site](#) under the heading Nutritional Information. All time periods are the expected delivery time periods and may change due to USDA purchasing. The case quantity is the amount available to ALL LEAs throughout the entire State of Missouri. All items have been requested by USDA and are not guaranteed.

When the state-wide total of Open Orders is greater than the quantity in inventory for a specific item, then orders are adjusted by DESE – SFS to scale back orders on a percentage based on orders received. The items receiving adjustments for September delivery were Apricots, [A382](#) (LEAs received about 40% of their placed orders) and Cherries, [A293](#) (LEAs received about 70% of their placed orders). All LEAs ordering Open Order items will receive at least one case even if the item has to be scaled back by DESE – SFS.

Quote for the Month

"The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible – and achieve it, generation after generation." – Pearl S. Buck



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Prorated Commodities for School Year 2009-2010

(The below list are the Prorated Commodities DESE, SFS anticipates receiving. *All quantities, delivery periods, and values are subject to change.*)

Prorated Commodities are USDA Donated Foods (DF), which are purchased by DESE – SFS and then equally distributed to all LEAs participating in the DF program based on their Average Daily Participation (ADP) in the National School Lunch Program. These commodities are intended to be used in the approved Child Nutrition Programs sponsored by USDA. LEAs may **REFUSE** any Prorated Commodity item they wish by having the **Authorized Representative contact DESE – SFS in writing at least six (6) weeks prior to the beginning Estimated Delivery Period**. Refusals can be sent via E-Mail to webreplyascfocom@dese.mo.gov, by Fax to 573-526-3897 or by letter to PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480.

Commodity Code	Description	Case per ADP*	Case Size	Estimated Delivery Period	Estimated per Case VALUE**
Fruits and Vegetables					
A174	Potatoes, Wedges, IQF	44	6 – 5 lb bags	COMPLETE	\$ 14.25
A417	Strawberries, FRZN, Diced, 4.5 oz IND cups	52	96 – 4.5 oz cups	COMPLETE	\$ 30.76
A130	Corn, FRZN, Whole Kernel	44	30 lb case	Sep 15, 09 – Oct 31, 09	\$ 12.26
A416	Peaches, FRZN, Diced, 4.4 oz IND cups	52	96 – 4.4 oz cups	Sep 15, 09 – Oct 31, 09	\$ 23.04
A433	Pears, CND, Sliced, Bartlett	64	6 – # 10 cans	Oct 15, 09 – Nov 30, 09	\$ 22.84
A243	Spaghetti Sauce, CND, Meatless	62	6 – # 10 cans	Oct 15, 09 – Nov 30, 09	\$ 12.71
A346	Apple Slices, FRZN, Unsweetened	37	30 lb case	Dec 15, 09 – Jan 31, 10	\$ 10.60
A091 ***	Beans, Vegetarian, CND,	68	6 – # 10 cans	Nov 1, 09 – Dec 15, 09	\$ 13.56
A431	Pears, CND, Halves	64	6 – # 10 cans	Nov 1, 09 – Dec 15, 09	\$ 23.40
A204	Potatoes, Rounds, FRZN	44	6 – 5 lb bags	Dec 1, 09 – Jan 15, 10	\$ 12.49
A061 ***	Beans, Green, CND	64	6 – # 10 cans	Dec 15, 09 – Jan 31, 10	\$ 19.42
A350	Applesauce, CND, Unsweetened	64	6 – # 10 cans	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 20.53
A942	Beans, Pinto, DRY, Whole	46	25 lb bag	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 9.82
A409	Peaches, CND, Clingstone, Diced	64	6 – # 10 cans	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 30.46
A434	Pears, CND, Diced, Bartlett	64	6 – # 10 cans	Feb 1, 10 – Mar 15, 10	\$ 27.19
A085 ***	Beans, Refried, CND	68	6 – # 10 cans	Feb 15, 10 – Mar 31, 10	\$ 22.21
A210	Potatoes, FRZN, Oven Fry, Crinkle	44	6 – 5 lb bags	Feb 15, 10 – Mar 31, 10	\$ 15.21
A299	Orange Juice, FRZN, 4 oz IND cartons	38	70 – 4 fl oz cartons	Mar 1, 10 – Apr 15, 10	\$ 7.50
Meat/Meat Alternates					
B065	Cheese, Sliced American, Yellow, Processed	37	6 – 5 lb loaves	COMPLETE	\$ 34.52
A515	Chicken, Cut-Up, FRZN, 8 pc, Raw	20 ****	40 lb case	Nov 15, 09 – Dec 31, 09	\$ 29.71
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	84 ****	4 – 10 lb packages	Oct 1, 09 – Nov 15, 09	\$ 59.54
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	42 ****	4 – 10 lb packages	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 59.54
A515	Chicken, Cut-Up, FRZN, 8 pc, Raw	20 ****	40 lb case	Jan 15, 10 – Feb 28, 10	\$ 29.71
B065	Cheese, Sliced American, Yellow, Processed	37	6 – 5 lb loaves	Feb 1, 10 – Mar 15, 10	\$ 34.52
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	MAKE UP*****	4 – 10 lb packages	Mar 15, 10 – Apr 30, 10	\$ 59.54

* Case per ADP means each LEA will receive approximately one (1) case of product for that number of Average Daily Participants. Each LEA will receive **AT LEAST** one (1) case of the product. This figure is only an ESTIMATE!

- Example: If LEA Jane Doe's ADP = 100 and A299 = 38 Case/ADP, then they could estimate to receive 2 cases of A299.
(100 ÷ 38 = 2.63. Round down for estimates).

** Estimated per Case VALUE is the value figured for each case based on the estimated cost per requested truck [determined by the USDA's Electronic Commodity Ordering System (ECOS)] divided by the number of cases on each truck.

- Example: A truck of A608 is estimated by ECOS to cost \$59,540 and contain 1,000 cases; therefore the Estimated VALUE is \$59,540 ÷ 1,000 = \$59.54.

*** These commodity **BEANS** can be credited for a Vegetable *or* a Meat/Meat Alternate in Food Based Menu Planning, but cannot be credited for BOTH on the same menu.

**** Beef and Chicken Case/ADP's are determined by the response each LEA chose on the Processing Packet for School Year 2009 – 2010. If your LEA chose to process any percent of either commodity, then you must adjust the Case/ADP accordingly. If your LEA chose to process 100% of the commodity, then ZERO (0) cases will be prorated to your LEA.

- Example: If you chose to process 50% of your Chicken and your ADP is 100, then you would determine your quantity of A515 cases and multiply by 0.50 to estimate that you will receive 2 cases of A515.
(100 ÷ 20 = 5 cases), (5 cases x 0.50 = 2.5 cases) Round down for estimates.

***** MAKE UP deliveries are for LEA's who chose to defer their pounds of PORK on the Processing Packet for School Year 2009 – 2010 and receive GROUND BEEF instead.

IQF = Individually Quick Frozen

FRZN = Frozen

IND = Individual

CND = Canned